

M I N O S P A P A S

Director / Writer / Producer

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Skills

Tribeca and NY Emmy award winning writer, director and producer, Minos is experienced in narrative, documentary film and commercial video. He has worked with distinguished dramatic actors, stunt performers, musicians, artists and dancer/choreographers. He is experienced in directing feature film productions with large budgets and crews on location or in the studio, working with high end commercial and NGO clients on global campaigns and delivering on schedule and under budget. The son of internationally acclaimed director Michael Papas, Minos was raised on film sets. He is based in New York City and Nicosia, Cyprus.

Professional Experience – SELECT FILMOGRAPHY

2023 **Take Me Home** (Short Film – Drama)

Producer. Sundance and SXSW official selection directed by Liz Sargent. Currently in the Festival Circuit.

2023 **The Song of the Witch** (Short Film – Fantasy/Folklore)

Writer / director / producer. Currently in the festival circuit. Proof of concept for the feature film “Motherwitch”.

2020 **The Harvester Generation** (Short Film – Science Fiction)

Writer / director / producer. Currently in the festival circuit.

2019 **I, Tony** (Short Film – Documentary)

Producer. Award-winning short film directed by Argyro Nicolaou.

2017 **Tango on the Balcony** (Dramatic Short Film)

Writer/director / producer / cinematographer. Selected for 25 international film festivals. Cannes Short Film Corner & Palm Springs Short Film Market. Winner 6 awards including BEST DIRECTOR at the Int'l Short Film Festival of Cyprus. Distributed by Kanopy Streaming.

2016 **Behind the Mirror** (Feature Film - Psychological Thriller)

Director / producer. Winner of BEST THRILLER award at Manhattan and Mexico film festivals. Sales Agent: Circus Road Pictures. Distributed by Random Media / 1091 Media.

2013 **A Short Film About Guns** (Short Documentary)

Director / producer. Screened at UN Arms Treaty. Official Selection and WINNER BEST ONLINE SHORT Tribeca Film Festival 2013. Distributed by Kanopy Streaming.

2010 **Shutterbug** (Feature Film – Romantic Thriller)

Writer / director / producer / editor. Screened at multiple international film festivals. Theatrically distributed in New York, LA and Cyprus. DVD/VOD distribution by RSquared Films.

Professional Experience – TV & COMMERCIAL

(select credits)

2021 **FLOWSTATE /North Brooklyn Artists** (8-Episode Documentary TV Series)

Director / producer. Produced for PBS / ALLARTS. NY EMMY WINNER Best Arts/Entertainment Long Form.

2021 **DANCERS (slightly out of shape)** (Documentary)

Producer. Produced for PBS / ALLARTS and the PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE TV Festival.

2020 **SLOW DOWN: River To River**

Producer / cinematographer. Short documentary. NY EMMY WINNER in the Arts Program / Special category. Produced for ALL ARTS (created by WNET, parent of NY PBS stations).

2019 **Philanthropy Video Campaigns • CLIENT: THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION**

Director / producer of an ongoing series of video content for and about the Rockefeller Foundation, its work, staff and grantee organizations.

2017 **Denys & Antonina's Perfect Journey • CLIENT: TUMI**

Director / cinematographer / editor. Documentary style spot selected by the TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL from festival alumni. Screened at Tribeca and part of the global TUMI 19 campaign.

2016 **Gojira "Silvera" • CLIENT: Roadrunner Records / Warner Music**

Producer of the music video for the song "Silvera" by Gojira. WINNER of Revolver Magazine's Best Metal Music Video of 2016.

2016 **The Orchestra is the City • CLIENT: Cyprus Symphony Orchestra / Cyprus Tourism**

Office. Director / producer / cinematographer / editor of a music video style performance. Screened and nominated at the Austin Music Video Awards.

2016 **The One Fragrance • CLIENT: DOLCE & GABANNA**

Director of Photography / Editor of BTS video for the One Fragrance campaign.

2015 **Clinique Face Forward • CLIENT: CLINIQUE**

Director of Photography / Editor of the global #faceforward campaign for Clinique.

2013 **Novartis Ensemble Program • CLIENT: Novartis Pharmaceutical**

Director. Intra-web video for Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation's employee cancer care program. Interviews with Novartis CEO & head staff and patients.

2013 **The Unregulated Arms Trade Spares No One • CLIENT: Control Arms Coalition**

Director / producer / cinematographer. PSA for the Arms Trade Treaty campaign.

2012 **What Does A Gun Mean To You? • CLIENT: Control Arms Coalition / Oxfam Int'l**

Director / producer / cinematographer. PSA & video interviews of specialists provided to BBC, CNN and other news outlets.

Other Work

- CEO of Cyprian Films, New York, New York-based production company.
- CEO of Polyorama Pictures & Publishing, Nicosia-based production company.
- Cinematographer for directors including Martin Scorsese and David Tedeschi, and Lisanne Skyler and Liz Sargent.
- Founding Board member and Consultant of the annual NYC Greek Film Festival.

Select Awards and Distinctions

- **FLOWSTATE /NORTH BROOKLYN ARTISTS**
NY Emmy winner, Arts / Entertainment Long Form
3 x NY EMMY nominations, Arts / Entertainment Long Form
- **SLOW DOWN: RIVER TO RIVER**
NY Emmy winner, Arts Program / Special
- **TANGO ON THE BALCONY**
Best Director – International Short Film Festival of Cyprus 2016
Best Screenplay – Delhi Short Film Festival, India 2016
Best Foreign Short – Overall - Fort Worth Indie Film Festival 2016
Best Foreign Drama - Fort Worth Indie Film Festival 2016
Founders Award – North Carolina Film Festival 2016
Official Selection at 16 film festivals
- **BEHIND THE MIRROR**
Best Thriller - Manhattan Film Festival 2015
Best Thriller - Mexico Int'l Film Festival, 2015
Official Selection at 4 film festivals
- **A SHORT FILM ABOUT GUNS**
Best Online Short - Tribeca Film Festival, 2013
Official Selection in 4 international Film Festivals
- **SHUTTERBUG**
Award of Merit - LA Indie Fest 2009
Aloha Accolade - Honolulu International Film Festival 2010
Official Selection in 4 international film festivals
Reviewed in **VARIETY**: "Mystical, off-the-wall and trippy!"; **NEW YORK TIMES**: "Intermittently beautiful! Inspired by Dante's Inferno and Greek mythology, SHUTTERBUG invites us on a photographic odyssey through nighttime Manhattan."; **TIME OUT NY**: "(A film of) haunting figments. Director Minos Papas channels both David Lynch and Dante's Inferno."; **FILM MONTHLY**: "Dark and Dreamlike!"
- SVA Dusty award for Outstanding Achievement in Cinematography for KALIPOLIS (Thesis Film).
- Winner of Make-A-Video Competition in Finland at the age of 16 for short film WHISPERS.

Education

- School of Visual Arts (NYC) BFA in Film and Video (2004 Graduate).
- Arista Script Development Seminars, Nicosia, Cyprus, (2006)
- Zanka Film and Video Workshop, Hungary (1993).